

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Jurgen Schulz-Harder et al

Group Art Unit: **3729**

Serial No. : **10/560,525**

Examiner: **Livius Radu Cazan**

Filed : **March 14, 2006**

For : **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
A CERAMIC-METAL SUBSTRATE**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

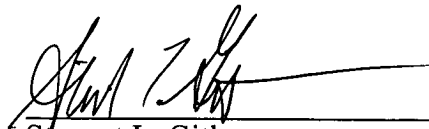
In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2008, applicant elects the species of Group B, heating the ceramic layer along a small treatment area in between metal areas and to shock to cooling the heated treatment area so that separation or break-off lines (6, 7) are formed by a controlled fracture or weakening of the ceramic material by the heating and shock cooling. This is accomplished without any vaporization or burning off of the ceramic material. The heating is effected by a focused energy beam. This beam could be a laser beam, but also on other energy beam, for example a hot gas beam, a flame, a plain beam or a microwave energy beam.

This single inventive concept is covered by claims 27, 31, 32, 35-39 and 44 and such election is made without traverse.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned.

A three month extension of time is enclosed along with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,


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